Supply of defective Sukhoi 30 MKI spares

†149. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a case of supply of defective spare parts to India for Sukhoi MKI Planes being build under joint collaboration of India and Russia by the Russian ordnance factories, have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, whether quality of military equipments is checked at the time of its import;

(c) if so, the agency which carried out such quality check and the quantity of material rejected due to not matching the quality;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (e) As per the general contract with Rosoboronexport of Russia, 140 SU-30 MKI aircraft is planned for licence manufacture at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in different phases and the delivery is to commence from 2004-2005. The production of the aircraft has not begun. Supply of spare parts for SU-30 MKI aircraft at this stage, therefore, does not arise.

Trials of Kaveri engine for LCA

†150. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether "Kaveri" engine of Light Combat Aircraft built with indigenous technology has been sent to Russia for final trial;

(b) if so, whether Government have received its trial report;

(c) if so, the outcome of the said report; and

(d) if not, by when the said report is likely to be received?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Kaveri engine has completed its preliminary tests at Gas Turbine Research Establishment, Bangalore. It has been planned to send the engine to Russia for altitude testing by end December 2002.

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